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# Crop Progress & Condition

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**Excellent Week for Field Work:** New York had an average of 6 days suitable for field work.

All areas needed rain at the beginning of the week. Most received it by the end, but not all. Last week's frost damage was reported as mostly not permanent. Planting is progressing well, though growth has been slow and hay yields low due to the dry conditions. Overall crops still look good.

Field activities for the week include spreading manure and fertilizer, plowing and planting, spraying trees, repair and maintenance.

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 31, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	12	22	47	19
SUBSOIL	4	22	56	18

## Crop Conditions as of May 31, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
BARLEY	0	8	20	56	16
CORN	1	2	21	64	12
HAY, ALFALFA	0	4	27	50	19
HAY, OTHER	0	11	28	46	15
OATS	0	1	13	60	26
PASTURE AND RANGE	1	6	33	45	15
WINTER WHEAT	0	3	24	56	17

## Crop Progress as of May 31, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
SPRING TILLAGE: SINGLE	90	86	78	67
BARLEY: PLANTED	94	88	70	57
BARLEY: EMERGED	50	28	40	31
CABBAGE: PLANTED	59	41	30	22
CORN: PLANTED	84	70	55	72
CORN: EMERGED	55	34	29	22
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	32	10	25	29
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	28	<5	29	25
OATS: PLANTED	95	88	84	89
OATS: EMERGED	69	44	52	45
POTATOES: PLANTED	73	62	45	69
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	29	6	37	25
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	62	39	29	42
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	34	6	0	5
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	60	46	58	55
WINTER WHEAT: HEADED	53	17	0	0
APPLES: PINK	97	89	83	97
APPLES: FULL BLOOM	95	84	36	87
PEACHES: GREEN TIP	97	90	94	99
PEACHES: PINK	95	85	79	96
PEACHES: FULL BLOOM	77	71	21	84
PEARS: GREEN TIP	95	87	99	100
PEARS: PINK	88	82	89	98
PEARS: FULL BLOOM	74	70	37	87
CHERRIES, SWEET: GREEN TIP	97	88	97	99
CHERRIES, SWEET: PINK	95	84	77	95
CHERRIES, SWEET: FULL BLOOM	88	78	40	88

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## May 31, 2015 New York Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northern	Fort_Drum	85	45	70	+10	0.73	5	3.52	-2.87	27	446	+204	879
	Highmarket	83	41	64	+7	1.37	4	8.03	-1.06	29	266	+104	590
	Hooker_12NNW	84	48	69	+14	1.13	4	5.45	-2.39	29	418	+293	848
	Lowville	83	45	67	+8	1.19	4	3.83	-2.58	20	326	+122	716
	Massena	86	45	68	+8	0.96	4	3.98	-1.77	22	408	+169	849
	Watertown_Intl	86	45	68	+11	0.60	5	3.03	-2.60	23	387	+184	813
Northeast	Indian_Lake	80	39	63	+9	2.12	3	7.44	+0.91	25	255	+154	558
	Malone	85	43	66	+8	1.06	3	4.57	-1.09	26	317	+161	702
	Newcomb	84	34	64	+9	1.06	3	5.55	-1.35	24	255	+143	571
	North_Creek	87	50	68	+9	0.99	2	5.25	-2.88	19	343	+147	718
	Plattsburgh_Int	91	47	69	+9	0.83	4	3.01	-2.98	25	381	+165	826
	Tupper_Lake_Sun	84	39	64	+9	1.48	4	4.27	-2.56	20	260	+141	590
Western	Avon	84	44	68	+8	1.68	4	6.37	+0.70	25	424	+176	889
	Buffalo_Intl_AP	85	46	71	+10	0.66	3	4.07	-2.32	26	478	+211	946
	Canandaigua_3S	86	46	69	+9	1.66	2	7.20	+1.19	22	465	+205	931
	Colden_1W	80	47	67	+9	2.05	5	8.91	+1.59	32	387	+197	811
	Dansville_AP	87	48	72	+12	1.60	2	6.92	+1.37	28	577	+315	1074
	Geneva_Research	85	47	69	+9	1.60	2	6.26	+0.37	20	413	+156	857
	Rochester_NY	87	46	73	+12	1.10	5	4.78	-0.79	23	548	+282	1035
	Warsaw	81	43	66	+9	2.32	3	7.33	+0.32	28	337	+166	739
	Youngstown	88	46	71	+11	0.61	2	4.84	-0.56	25	407	+142	875
Central	Auburn_NY	86	49	69	+8	1.89	2	8.71	+2.26	28	430	+146	884
	Boonville	82	41	64	+8	1.01	2	6.88	-2.21	26	300	+138	653
	Cooperstown	84	47	67	+10	0.45	3	5.50	-1.88	23	410	+236	853
	Fulton-Oswego	87	49	71	+12	1.39	3	7.23	+0.74	22	451	+217	904
	Oneonta	86	44	68	+9	0.48	2	5.10	-3.22	26	344	+118	739
	Sherburne	85	43	68	+9	0.50	3	7.21	+0.28	28	356	+147	775
	Syracuse_AP	87	51	73	+12	1.56	2	6.27	-0.51	23	533	+261	1012
Eastern	Albany_County_A	88	52	74	+13	0.51	2	2.94	-3.98	18	583	+289	1086
	Alcove_Dam	84	38	69	+9	0.40	2	4.06	-3.55	21	402	+181	860
	Brunswick_NY	89	52	72	+13	0.56	3	3.67	-4.84	23	520	+299	995
	Buskirk	90	43	69	+10	0.94	2	3.82	-4.69	19	388	+167	818
	Cobleskill	83	45	69	+10	0.46	3	3.08	-3.28	22	355	+141	750
	Peck_Lake	84	44	65	+7	0.91	3	6.58	-1.66	26	276	+72	606
	Saratoga_Spring	87	48	70	+8	2.09	2	4.40	-3.26	18	431	+119	868
Southwest	Alfred	84	35	65	+8	0.58	2	6.15	-0.45	29	352	+183	782
	Bath	84	45	68	+10	0.88	3	6.67	+1.09	28	406	+198	854
	Corning	84	36	65	+7	0.34	3	5.73	+0.15	24	343	+135	754
	Franklinville	82	45	67	+11	0.70	3	7.20	+0.30	32	341	+186	741
	Jamestown_AP	81	48	68	+8	0.89	5	4.78	-2.34	34	398	+150	843
	Olean	83	40	67	+10	0.54	3	5.72	-1.60	29	384	+212	829
	Perrysburg	87	49	69	+9	0.98	3	7.35	+1.42	26	396	+142	842
Southern	Binghamton_Broo	82	50	69	+11	0.21	2	7.42	+0.38	25	464	+241	912
	Elmira_Ag	87	38	67	+8	0.14	1	5.96	+0.00	21	428	+168	883
	Ithaca_Cornell_	85	45	68	+10	0.61	1	6.68	+0.17	23	401	+184	825
	Mecklenburg	85	47	67	+9	0.16	2	7.03	+0.29	29	372	+184	795
	Owego_3WSW	87	36	68	+9	0.31	1	6.72	-0.22	26	403	+178	852
	Whitney_Point_L	85	37	67	+8	0.81	2	6.70	-0.24	24	377	+152	813
Southeast	Bridgehampton	77	56	65	+5	0.03	1	2.28	-5.84	16	332	+84	816
	Carmel_4N	79	54	68	+6	1.83	3	5.84	-2.93	21	387	+33	874
	East_Jewett	83	39	66	+11	0.73	2	5.68	-3.81	26	293	+170	658
	Mohonk_Lake	84	50	71	+9	0.37	2	5.31	-4.22	21	567	+241	1087
	Montgomery_NY_A	87	49	72	+11	0.48	3	3.36	-5.11	18	566	+281	1070
	New_York_LGA	86	64	75	+9	0.02	1	2.43	-5.41	14	677	+195	1240
	Poughkeepsie_Ag	86	48	72	+10	0.38	2	5.57	-2.95	23	519	+213	1018
	Vanderbilt_Muse	85	51	70	+6	0.00	0	2.44	-5.75	14	518	+137	1045
	Walton	84	41	66	+7	0.33	2	5.97	-2.35	28	327	+101	720
	Yorktown_Height	85	53	71	+9	0.47	3	3.82	-5.41	19	496	+162	1010

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

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## REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

*Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.*

### **Albany/ Fulton/ Hamilton/ Montgomery/ Schenectady/ Schoharie Counties, Andrew Michael:**

Here in Eastern Central New York including Schoharie, Schenectady, Albany, Montgomery, Fulton and Hamilton Counties the crops are almost all planted and first cutting hay is being harvested as haylage. However we need rain across most of the area and first cutting hay is reduced 40 to 50% and corn and all seeded crops are up for the most part but just sitting there as we are beginning to show signs from lack of rain.

### **Broome County, Maria Heath:**

First cutting hay being chopped short as it is heading out. Rain spotted over the county. Soaking rain needed in some parts of the county.

### **Capital Region Counties, Laura Mcdermott:**

The rain that occurred in a few locations on Wednesday followed by the larger and more important front that came in on Saturday evening was very much needed and perfectly timed. Many farmers had been extremely busy planting over the Memorial Day weekend and the rest of the week. These later plantings will likely fare much better than the early plantings due to the moisture.

### **Cortland/ Tompkins Counties, Jennifer Doty:**

1st cutting for both haylage and dry hay has started. Corn planting continues. Ground is very dry, much needed rain arrived over the weekend.

### **Franklin County, Jennifer Bosley:**

Dry spring conditions have allowed producers to make a lot of progress with planting corn and chopping first cut. However, first cut yields, particularly for grasses, are lower than normal.

### **Genesee/ Niagara/ Orleans Counties, Nathan R Herendeen:**

Dry conditions have hurt the yield potential of spring grains. Corn and soybeans have uneven emergence. Weekend rain will help, not sure of amount yet.

### **Lewis County, Joe Lawrence:**

Much of the corn affected by the frost of 5/23 appears to be growing out of the damage. There are a few small instances of needed replanting. Dry weather through the week continued to stress new seeding hay and row crops. Reports of 1st cutting hay continue to be of low yields. A much needed rain hit most of the county on 5/30 and 5/31 providing at least 0.5 inches to most areas.

### **Livingston County, Dean R Pendergast:**

The week ended with heavy rains late in the day on Saturday. Final planting may be delayed for up to a week based on current field conditions. Most areas of the county needed rain but not the amount received.

### **Madison County, Jessica Pylman:**

A lot of the Madison County farmers are closing in on planting the last of their corn. Those that plant soybeans are anywhere from half done planting to just getting started. We had a 5-6 days of good weather to get hay down depending on your location. There were a lot of pop-up and isolated showers depending on your location.

### **Oneida County, William Paddock:**

Another hot and dry week until Saturday in Oneida County. Corn is nearly completed being planted, we have a few that are taking the hay off and then planting corn on this ground. Nearly all corn is up and looks good at this time, soybeans are nearly completed as well and they are up too. We have many farmers that stopped planting or were done this past week and went to chopping, round baling or baling dry hay. Reports are that hay is down 40-60% in volume but quality looks very good. Alfalfa stands look fantastic and some were cut and chopped late in the week. Pastures have roared by rotational grazers but at least there is plenty for the animals. Winter wheat continues to look amazing and barley is perking up now. We have since Saturday afternoon received at least 2 inches of much needed rain. Now if we can just get Mother Nature to turn it off for a week or so it would really help.

### **Ontario County, Joann Rogers:**

Ontario County has a very busy week with field prep and planting; was starting to get dry but rain arrived on Saturday afternoon that halted all field work.

### **Schuyler/ Seneca Counties, Kathy Mastellar:**

This week allowed a lot of planting to get done. Rain starting Saturday 5/30 once again stopped planting.

### **Suffolk County, Alice V Wise:**

The spring has been dry on Long Island. Vineyards have been irrigating. Rain is due next week.

### **Wyoming County, Jerry Marley:**

Got some much needed rain, although it came too fast in some areas. Wheat is partially headed out and looking good. It is not very tall so straw may be shorter supply than usual. A lot of first cutting came off last week and I believe quality had to be very good. Overall crops appear very good.